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DC MAYOR'S OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS



YOUNG AFRICAN CONNEXIONS
ANNUAL SUMMIT 2015
AFRICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP & LINKAGES

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015
3:00PM-8:00PM
HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
2600 SIXTH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20059

MANDELA DAY OF SERVICE
STREET CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015
9:00AM-1:00PM
GOOD HOPE MARKETPLACE
ALABAMA AVE & NAYLOR RD SE
CONGRESS HEIGHTS METRO / GREEN LINE

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A Note of Welcome



Greetings to participants and presenters of the DC Mayor's Office on African Affairs' (MOAA) first-ever **Young African ConneXions Annual Summit**. In line with Mayor Muriel Bowser's youth initiatives and as part of MOAA's Youth Development Program, we have worked closely with President Obama's Mandela Washington Fellows, Howard University, to design a forum that brings together bright minds and fosters interactions between the District's African immigrant community and young professionals from the continent on such topics as youth leadership, public service, technology, community advocacy, and the importance of creating sustained linkages. Titled *African Youth Leadership and Linkages*, this summit marks the first of an annual tradition that we hope to grow in coming years.

In recognition of Nelson Mandela's iconic leadership and 67 years of public service, we will be hosting our first District-wide Mandela Day of Service following the Young African ConneXions Annual Summit. This global event was originally launched in 2008 through a unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly to mark the former South African leader's birthday on July 18, 1918. MOAA's Mandela Day of Service aims to promote community service and civic engagement of the District's African communities and will be held in Ward 7 on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 9:00 am at Good Hope Marketplace. We are partnering with the Mayor's Office of the Clean City, Serve DC, DC Youth Advisory Council and our many volunteers who are prepared to contribute their best efforts to make the city greater than it already is for all residents!

Warm regards,

Mamadou Samba,
Executive Director Mayor's Office on African Affairs

The Mayor's Office on African Affairs (MOAA)

The Mayor's Office on African Affairs, (MOAA) was established in March 2006 by the Council of the District of Columbia's enactment of DC ACT 16-313. MOAA envisions the District of Columbia as a community that thrives on the full engagement of its culturally and linguistically diverse residents. Through its programs and services, MOAA ensures that a full range of health, education, employment, and social services are available to the African community in the District of Columbia.

MOAA's program areas include Constituent Services; Outreach and Education; Capacity Building (Business and Nonprofit Development); African Community Grant; Multicultural Awareness and Development; and Youth Engagement. MOAA also hosts a bi-weekly electronic newsletter, *African Beat*, which provides resources for individuals and organizations and relevant information on local African Diaspora activities. By serving as the liaison between the District's African community, District government agencies, and the Mayor, MOAA seeks to improve the quality of life of the District's diverse African-born constituencies, increase civic and public engagement in the District's African community, and support community development.

For more about MOAA, visit our website: www.oaa.dc.gov, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and stay in the know by signing-up for *The African Beat*!

Agenda

3:00pm – 4:00pm **Registration**

4:00pm – 4:20pm **Welcome from Mayor's Office on African Affairs (MOAA)**
Heran Sereke-Brhan, Ph.D., Deputy Director

Special Address:

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate to the United States Congress representing the District of Columbia
Anthony K. Wutoh, Ph.D., Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University

Naomi Ferguson, Mandela Washington Fellow, Howard University:
Reflection on Youth Leadership, Public Service and Advocacy

4:20pm – 4:30pm **Keynote Address:**

H. E. Mninwa Mahlangu, Ambassador, Republic of South Africa
Delivered by **Nowetu Luti**, Deputy Chief of Mission, RSA

4:30pm – 5:30pm **Panel I: Youth Leadership: Public Service, Community Advocacy, and Entrepreneurship**

Jeannine Scott, President, US –Angola Chamber of Commerce
Greg Carr, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Afro-American Studies, Howard University

Menna Demessie, Ph.D., Vice President of Policy and Research, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Nangamso Koza, Mandela Washington Fellow, Howard University

Moderator: Krista Johnson, Ph.D., Professor of African Studies, Howard University

5:30pm – 5:45pm **Break**

5:45pm – 6:00pm **Performance by Simunye Dance Group, Washington, DC**

6:00pm – 6:20pm **Guest Speaker:**

Pape Samb, Chairman and CEO, Global Youth Innovation Network

6:20pm – 7:20pm **Panel II: Strengthening Inter-African Linkages: Technology, Knowledge, and Information Exchange**

Nina Oduro, Founder and President, AfricanDevJobs.com

Semhar Araia, CEO, Semai Consulting, LLC.

Tegene Baharu, Chief Technology Officer, DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer

Amadou Daffe, CEO and Co-founder, Coders4Africa

Moderator: Emira Woods, Director of Social Impact, ThoughtWorks

7:20pm – 7:30pm **Closing Remarks:**

Mamadou Samba, Executive Director, Mayor's Office on African Affairs